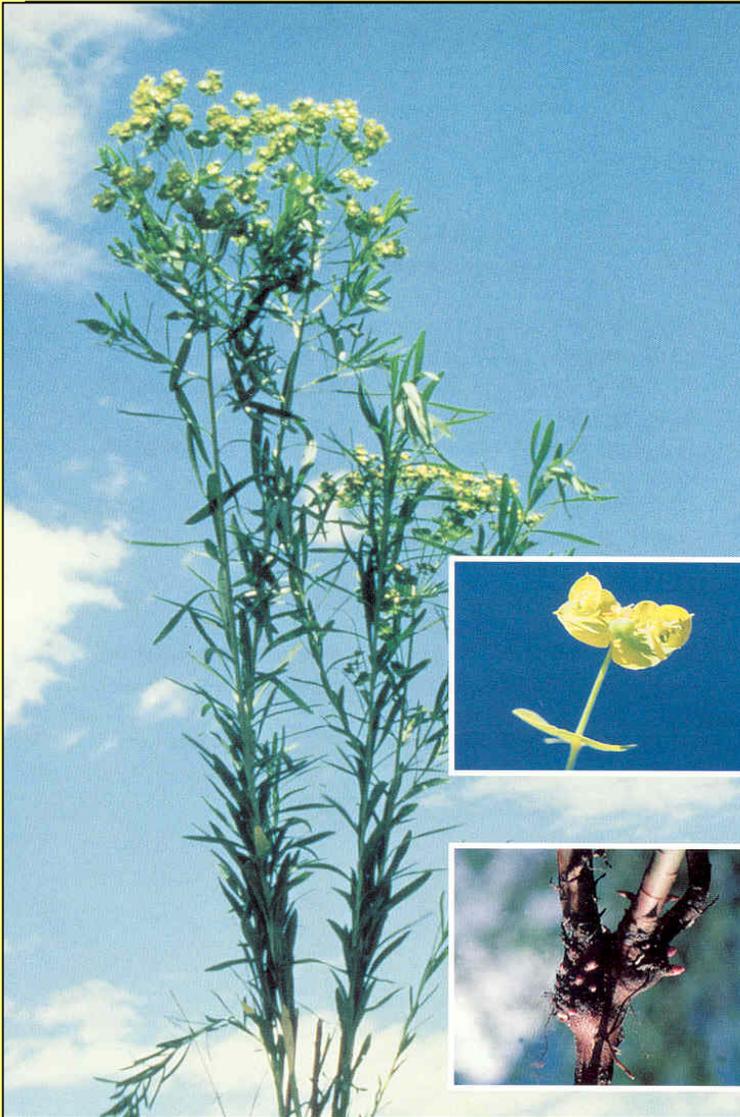


Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)



NRCS has introduced a new program under the 2006 Colorado EQIP Invasive Plant Program to address this particular weed.



Features:

- Native of Europe
- Member of the Spurge family
- A creeping perennial which reproduces by seed and extensive creeping roots
- Roots can extend as deep as 30 feet and are extremely wide-spreading
- Shoots grow erect, 1 to 3 feet high, are pale green and unblanched except for flower clusters
- Can be easily identified by its small yellow-green flowers, which are enclosed by a pair of yellowish-green, heart-shaped bracts
- The plant, including the root, has a milky latex that is damaging to eyes and sensitive skin
- One of the most serious noxious weed threats in Colorado

How YOU Can Help

- ✓ Learn to identify invasive plant species in your area.
- ✓ Report sightings of invasive species to your local county or land management agency.
- ✓ Do not pick wildflowers or plants. They may be invasive species and picking them can spread their seeds.
- ✓ Check local weed lists before you buy plants for your garden or yard.
- ✓ Clean all camping gear, clothing, and shoes before leaving an area to avoid inadvertently taking seeds along with you to the next campsite.
- ✓ Always stay on designated trails when camping or hiking, avoiding weed infested areas.
- ✓ Drive only on established roads or trails away from weed infested areas.

For more information on the identification and control of noxious weeds contact your local NRCS and Conservation District Office.